

PAVO SPICIFER.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Caput pennis revolutis tectum.

Pennæ uropygii elongatæ, ocellatæ.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 267.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PAVO capite cæruleo, pennis cristæ lanceolatis erectis, fascia utrinque suboculari lutea.

PAVO muticus. P. capite crista subulata, calcaribus nullis?

PAVO japonensis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 268.

Aldrov. orn. 2. p. 35.

Eandem sibi patriam vindicat pulcherrima hæc avis quam et pavo vulgaris; Indiani scilicet, ibique præcipue regiones montanas. Moribus modoque vivendi pavoni vulgari similis esse dicitur, a quo etiam verisimile est sæpius non fuisse discretam. Speciem tamen revera esse diversam satis probat

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peculiaris

peculiaris cristæ conformatio, nec non macula saturatim flava utrinque sub oculis sita. Si idem sit *pavo muticus* Linnæi, (*spicifera* Buffoni) atque hæc nostra avis; vel in illo describendo evidenter erratum est, vel variare solent colores et alia nonnulla; Linnæus enim, et Aldrovandus, (qui primus descriptor avem quam depictam adeptus est, representavit,) calcaribus carentem ostendunt; quæ in icone unde deducta est nostra similitudo, admodum conspicua sunt: hanc autem effigiem ipsius avis viventis expressit pictor Indicus, eamque nobiscum perhumaniter communicavit Dominus Fleming, chirurgus Anglicus qui prope Calcuttam in Bengala multos annos versatus est.



to vary in colour and other circumstances; since Linnaeus and Aldrovandus, (who first described it from a painting,) represent it as destitute of spurs, which are conspicuous in the drawing from which the present figure was copied, and which was taken from the life in India, and politely communicated by T. Fleming, Esq. several years resident in the neighbourhood of Calcutta in Bengal.